

MINUTES
ALEXANDRIA HISTORICAL RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION COMMISSION
8:00 a.m.
Wednesday, Sept.9, 2015
Lloyd House, 220 North Washington Street

In Attendance: Barnes, Batey, Commisso, Edouard, Heiden, Murphy, Sennewald, Yianilos
Excused: Sprinkle
City Staff: J.Lance Mallamo, Director, Office of Historic Alexandria
Catherine K. Miliaras, Urban Planner, Historic Preservation, Planning&Zoning
Department
Guests: Charles Trozzo

Michael Commisso (in the absence of John Sprinkle)called the meeting to order at 8:08 a.m.
The Minutes of the Aug.12, 2015 meeting were approved unanimously.

ALEXANDRIA ALLEYS SURVEY

Michael Commisso reported that there was an Alley Commission meeting on Aug. 25. He has asked Lance Mallamo if Archaeologist Ben Skolnik can work on the GIS Application of the survey.

POTOMAC YARD METRO STATION

Nothing new to report

WATERFRONT PLAN

Robert Sennewald reported that the Carr-Project has experienced a series of problems associated with the demolition of the Art League building including broken water lines, infiltration of slurry and sitting pools of water. Signs for the haul route were not initially posted and there was confusion with the truck drivers.

Charles Trozzo expressed concerns about Building 3 at Robinson Terminal South and Catherine Miliaras reported that the architects are now working on refinements.

RAMSEY HOMES

Charles Trozzo reported that the City Manager has provided a memo with several options for new development. Catherine Miliaras reported that said project and '226 The Strand' BAR appeals will be reviewed by City Council on Sept. 9.

Charles Trozzo feels, that Alex. Redevelopment & Housing Authority has not maintained the structures appropriately.

EASEMENTS

Christopher Yianilos motioned to approve signage as requested by Old Town Booking, seconded by Melinda Barnes.

HARC REPORT

No Report

OHA REPORT

Mr. Mallamo reported that the City Council meeting concerning the issue of Confederate symbols and monuments, scheduled to be held on Saturday, September 12 has been cancelled. City Council will consider appointing a new committee to study the issue in more detail.

Also, Mr. Mallamo announced Gretchen Bulova to the newly created Deputy Director position. Liz Williams was appointed to be Acting Director of Gadsby's Tavern Museum.

The visitation has increased at all the historic sites and all items of the FY 2016 budget have been met; the FY 2017 budget is currently under consideration.

PLANNING & ZONING REPORT

Catherine Miliaras reported on the Del Ray Preservation Conference in Sept. 16 at 9:30 at the Mt. Vernon Community School.

Mrs. Miliaras also reported that a recent Supreme Court ruling prevents Municipalities from reviewing sign "content". Alexandria law is not currently consistent with the decision and the City Attorney will be proposing changes to City Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Michael Commisso will be updating in the a.m.

NEXT AHRPC MEETING DATE

The date of the next meeting was set for Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2015, at 8 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
J.Lance Mallamo, Staff to the Commission